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- 2) Koichi NAKANO, "L2TP ni yoru Solution," Computer & Network LAN, Vol. 16, No. 10, October 1, 1998, pp. 28-33, "L2TP deno Tunnel Seisei," pp. 30-31.

3) 2003-244188

References 1) and 3) include an English language abstract. In addition, Reference 3) has a "concise explanation" under 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3) as set forth in the background portion of the specification.

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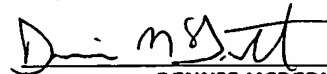
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